

Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 588 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – Law Enforcement Equipment Fund.

This bill establishes a Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to assist local law enforcement agencies in acquiring equipment needed to address violent crime.

Senate Bill 453, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 588.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 588

AN ACT concerning

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – Law Enforcement Equipment Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing a Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to assist local law enforcement agencies in acquiring law enforcement equipment needed to address violent crime; defining certain terms; ~~requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the budget~~; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to establish application procedures and administer the grants; requiring local law enforcement agencies to provide certain statistics and other information to the Executive Director; requiring the Executive Director to consider certain criteria in determining the amount of the grants; requiring the local law enforcement agencies to submit proof of appropriate expenditure; ~~providing for the termination of this Act~~; and generally relating to the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund.

BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 4–101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 1. Law Enforcement Equipment Fund"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments